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RESOLUTION ON PRIORITIES IN THE ALLOCATION OF

RESOURCES OF UNFPA - L.539

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1. AT ITS PM 30 JULY MEETING THE POLICY AND PROGRAM COORDINATION COMMITTEE HEARD SUBJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THAILAND, AND AT THAT SAME MEETING ADOPTED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, AS ORALLY REVISED, WITHOUT A VOTE.

2. AN INNOCUOUS ORAL AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 (B) WAS PROPOSED BY YUGOSLAVIA AND ACCEPTED BY THE CO-SPONSORS. A LESS HELPFUL AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH TWO (REQUESTING THAT THE UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACT IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS IN APPLYING UNFPA CRITERIA FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION) WAS SUGGESTED BY THE UBIQUITOUS, WELL-MEANING GREEK AMBASSADOR LIONTAS. BRAZIL, WHICH HAS A WELL-KNOWN DISLIKE OF ANY REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION INVOLVEMENT IN NUMEROUS SENSITIVE AREAS, INCLUDING POPULATION, DILUTED THE GREEK PROPOSAL BY HAVING THE WORDS "AS APPROPRIATE" ADDED AT THE END OF THE CLAUSE REFERRING TO COOPERATION WITH UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND REGIONAL

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ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS. THE COMMITTEE THEN PROCEEDED WITHOUT

FURTHER DISCUSSION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.

3. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED RESOLUTION THE US DELEGATION IN A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT CALLED ECOSOC'S ATTENTION TO PARAGRAPH 594 (V) OF UNDP'S 22ND GOVERNING COUNCIL REPORT (PAGE 187 OF E/5846) WHICH REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFPA TO UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF INTER-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES, DEVELOP AN OVERALL INTEGRATED STRATEGY FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE AND REPORT THEREON TO THE 24TH UNDP GC. IT WAS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT NO DELEGATIONS (EXCEPT PERHAPS BRAZIL) PARTICIPATING IN THE DEBATE - INCLUDING THE THREE CO-SPONSORS -- WERE AT ALL FAMILIAR WITH ANY PART OF THE UNFPA PORTION OF THE 22ND UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL REPORT, LET ALONE OF THE DEBATE AT THAT MEETING WHICH CONCLUDED THAT UNFPA SHOULD FURTHER REDUCE ITS FINANCING OF REGIONAL PROJECTS AND ENTITIES AND OF POPULATION INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND RATHER TO FOCUS THE PREPONDERANCE OF ITS RESOURCES DIRECTLY ON COUNTRY PROGRAMS.

4. THE TEXT OF THE REVISED AMENDMENT CO-SPONSORED BY THAILAND, EGYPT AND YEMEN, IS QUOTED BELOW.

BEGIN TEXT

OPERATION ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

EGYPT AND THAILAND: DRAFT RESOLUTION

UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1763 (LIV) OF 18 MAY 1973 STATING THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES,

EXPRESSING ITS SATISFACTION WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH THE FUND HAS BEEN OPERATING AND THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED TO DATE,

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WELCOMING WITH APPRECIATION THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON "PRIORITIES IN FUTURE ALLOCATION OF UNFPA RESOURCES" (SEE FOOTNOTE ONE),

TAKES NOTE OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED ON THIS MATTER AT THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SEE FOOTNOTE TWO),

1. ENDORSES THE FOLLOWING GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIED  
IN MAKING FUTURE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES:

(A) TO PROMOTE POPULATION ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN INTERNATIONAL  
STRETEGIES, PARTICULARLY THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION;

(B) TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE  
THE MOST URGENT NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE AREA OF POPULATION,  
CONSIDERING THEIR POPULATION PROBLEMS;

(C) TO RESPECT THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EACH NATION TO FORMULATE,  
PROMOTE AND IMPLEMENT ITS OWN POPULATION POLICIES;

(D) TO PROMOTE THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES' SELF-RELIANCE;

(E) TO GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF DIS-  
ADVANTAGED POPULATION GROUPS;

2. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY THE CRITERIA FOR  
ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES AND THE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN  
HIS REPORT (SEE FOOTNOTE THREE), TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE  
DECISIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN THIS REGARD (SEE  
FOOTNOTE FOUR) AND IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE UN SPECIALIZED  
AGENCIES CONCERNED AND WITH THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
AS APPROPRIATE.

FOOTNOTES:

1. DP/186 AND CORR. 1
2. E/5846, 0-4- . 558 TO 565
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4. E/5846, PARA. 594 (D)

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